

Draft Outline for Regional Chapters of the 2013 NCA Report

REGIONS

A. Introductory information (what a region is; basis for regional delineation along state and territorial boundaries for this report; need for flexibility to address biophysical and socioeconomic systems that cross these boundaries; approaches to assessing vulnerabilities, impacts, and opportunities within and across regions)

B. Regional chapters

1. Each of the regional chapters or reports might contain the following elements
 - a. Key findings for the region
 - i. Key social, economic, and ecological impacts
 - ii. Major vulnerabilities
 - iii. Major opportunities
 - b. Issues-focused introduction to the region's physical, biological, socioeconomic, and institutional setting
 - c. Environmental and societal issues that intersect with climate change and potential scenarios or visions for future socioeconomic conditions
 - d. Summary of regional climate and projected climate changes
 - e. Potential climate impacts within the region for key sectors
 - f. Cross-boundary and international issues related to climate (with particular attention to biophysical and socioeconomic systems that cross boundaries – see “Integrated, Cross-Cutting Topics” for more detail on suggestions to address these issues)
 - g. Current or planned adaptation / mitigation options
 - h. Discussion of future information needs

CROSSCUTTING (*note that at the time, these were not separated into biogeographical vs. cross-sectoral topics*)

1. A variety of treatments are possible (e.g., text boxes within regional or sectoral chapters, spotlights or mini-chapters, and full chapters); each might contain the following elements
 - a. Description of the system and clarification of the key issues
 - b. Possible thresholds and tipping points, role of extreme events
 - c. Pathways for solutions (adaptation and mitigation), including potential for unintended consequences
 - d. Case studies